

TO ADVERTISERS.

Transient Advertisements must be paid for in advance to insure insertion.

TO AGENTS.

Settlements of accounts will be required monthly, or the supply of papers will be discontinued. The daily and weekly issues will be furnished at the lowest cash rates and no exception will in future be made to this rule.

To our Correspondents in General, and "Sirius" in Particular.

We have been desirous to give every sort of fair play to the opponents of Confederation, feeling sure that the more their arguments were aired, the less substance there would be left in them. It is strange that the Anti-Confederate party should choose two such writers for their champions, as those whose letters we have lately published, the one by "Self-Reliance," so frothy that when the bubbles and beads of the author's vanity are blown away, no substance whatever remains, the other clever, both at figures and repartee, but most careful to avoid touching upon the true merits of the question. We have suffered "Sirius" to inflict his prolix statements upon our readers, in the hope that some of them will take the trouble to compare his figures with our own, and to draw their own deductions from the comparison. Turn and twist the figures as he will, "Sirius" cannot show that financially speaking, British Columbia would not gain by Confederation, although he has with considerable display of mathematical talent, and with just logic enough to wash down the figures, as a single glass of champagne washes down a dry crust, endeavored to puzzle one-half of his readers and weary the others, into the belief that his statements are arguments, and his views sound. It is very evident from the style of his syllogisms, that "Sirius" would be equally prepared to advocate the cause of Confederation, had he any particular object for so doing; as it is, he is doing better service to the cause by showing the abject weakness of the position of the opponents of Confederation. We have always felt the necessity of some opposition to induce people to think deliberately upon the question, and after due deliberation to form a decided opinion as to whether it is best for the Colony to remain an isolated atom in the great family of British Dependencies, or to become upon fair and equitable terms part and parcel of the Dominion, which is destined eventually to be one of the great countries of the world. Certainly "Sirius" has not thrown much light upon the subject; he has rather endeavored to smother it under a cloud of words, and has wound up an array of figures and assertions, which, he well knows not more than two persons in the Colony will take the trouble to verify, with what he evidently believes to be a spicy morsel of gossip. A star of his magnitude ought to know better than to attempt such a worn-out grub street dodge. "Sirius" is too old a disciple of the pen to plead ignorance of the well known rules, which the common courtesy of the profession lays down with respect to editorial individuality, he is bound to respect those rules, we have endeavored to extend to him as to all other correspondents, the full measure of courtesy, and in return we expect him to keep within bounds. We fear however, that experience will never teach our correspondent either wisdom or consistency. We could almost suppose that in his late letters he has entered upon a task ungenial to his feelings, he is too crumpled, and much too far seeing to pin his faith entirely upon the cause which he has undertaken to advocate, his anticipated reward ought to be high to compensate him for the weary hours of labor which his figures must have cost him, for we can hardly suppose that it is really pure vexation of spirit which has caused him to take up the pen against Confederation; that he was disappointed at not being asked to attend the Convention at Yale we can well understand, but although we can readily believe that "Sirius" could with quite as much self gratification argue in favor of Confederation as against it, we are not disposed to give credit to the idea that he was desirous of being appointed to the Convention as a delegate from any particular place. However, be that as it may, there must be a limit to all endurance, and we will not weary the public with more figures at present. When "Sirius" takes up the pen to argue against retrenchment, against amalgamation of offices, and against representative institutions, we may hope for some new rays of light from this brightest of fixed stars, until then we trust he will keep his figures within his own control.

FRED PAYNE has removed his Cheap Shaving Shop to the opposite side of John's street, just above the Miner's Saloon.

New Advertisements.

Dissolution of Partnership.

THE PARTNERSHIP HERETOFORE existing between G. D. Clarke & Lewis Dodgson, under the name of G. D. Clarke & Co., has been this day dissolved by mutual consent. All outstanding accounts are to be paid to G. D. Clarke.

DRAKE, JACKSON & ATKMAN, Solicitors for G. D. Clarke, Victoria, V.I., October 16, 1868. oc19

\$5 Reward.

LOST, AN OLD LIVER-COLORED Irish Water Spaniel. She is very lame, and answers to the name of "Lucky." oc19 DRAKE, JACKSON & ATKMAN.

VICTORIA CEMETERY.

A MEETING OF THOSE INTERESTED in the improvement of the Victoria Cemetery, will be held on Thursday next, the 22nd inst., at 4 o'clock in the afternoon. J. ASH, M.D., E. GRAHAM, and A. LSTON, Hon. Secs., pro tem. oc19

Queen Charlotte Island Royal Columbia Anthracite Coal Mining Company, Limited.

THE OFFICE OF THIS COMPANY has been Removed to Government Street, near Broughton street. oc19.



NOTICE

VANCOUVER ISLAND, BRITISH COLUMBIA.

BY AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME BY His Excellency the Governor of British Columbia, I hereby give notice that on the days hereinafter mentioned, I shall proceed to the nomination and selection of Candidates to be Members of the Legislative Council of British Columbia, for Districts Nos. 1 and 2, hereinafter described, subject to the ultimate right of ratification and appointment by the Governor; that is to say: At noon on Monday, the 2nd day of November next, at the Police Barracks, Victoria, two Members for District No. 1, comprising Victoria City and Esquimalt Town. At noon on Tuesday, the 3rd day of November next at Victoria District School, at the head of Fort Street, one Member for District No. 2, comprising Victoria District, Lake District, Esquimalt and Metchoan District, Sooke District, North and South Saanich District, and Salt Spring Island, including the settlement of Chemainus.

And I do further give notice, that in the event of a Poll being demanded, it will be taken between the hours of Nine a.m., and Four P.M., on the following days: For District No. 1—Tuesday, the 3rd November, 1868. For District No. 2—Wednesday, the 4th November, 1868.

And at the following places:

FOR DISTRICT NO. 1. In front of Police Barracks, Victoria, B.C. Williams' Hotel, Esquimalt.

FOR DISTRICT NO. 2. For Victoria District—at Victoria District School House, head of Fort Street.

For North and South Saanich, and Lake Districts—at Stephens', Half way house, Saanich Road.

For Esquimalt and Metchoan—at Parsons' Bridge Hotel, Metchoan Road.

For Sooke District—at Muir's Farm, Sooke.

For Salt Spring Island and Chemainus—at Beggs' Settlement, S.S. Island.

Every Voter must have resided within the District in which he votes, for a period of at least Three Calendar Months previous to the date of Polling.

No Chinese or Indian Votes can be recorded.

ANDREW CHARLES ELLIOTT, J.P., High Sheriff of British Columbia.

Dated at Victoria, British Columbia, this 17th day of October 1868. oc19.

NOTICE

THE PARTNERSHIP HERETOFORE existing between the undersigned, as Dealers in second-hand Furniture and Farmer's Produce, was this day dissolved by mutual consent.

Patrick McTierman will discharge all liabilities and receive all indebtedness, and will continue the business under the name of McTierman & Co.

W. HEBBARD, P. MTIERMAN. oc17

Dated, Victoria, B.C., 10th Oct. 1868.

MONEY TO LOAN.

AT LOW RATES, ON FIRST CLASS security.

HOUSES TO LET.

TOWN AND COUNTRY PROPERTIES for Sale or to Let.

T. ALLSOP, Agent. Government street, near Broughton st. oc19

Oysters! Oysters! Oysters

AT

PIPER'S SALOON,

GOVERNMENT STREET.

A Constant Supply of FRESH OLYMPIA OYSTERS during the Season. oc17

WANTED IMMEDIATELY.

ABLE AND ORDINARY SEAMEN

and Boys, for China, Peru and Valparaiso; also, a ship's Carpenter.

Apply to JER. NAGLE, Shipping Agent, Office, near the Police Barracks. oc14

INSURANCE AGENCY.

MARINE—Pacific Insurance Company, San Francisco.

FIRE—Imperial Insurance Company, London.

LIFE—City of Glasgow Assurance Company, Glasgow.

For Rates of Premium, apply to J. ROBERTSON STEWART, Agent.

Wharf street, Victoria, B.C., 1868. oc13 d & w

JOHN WEILER,

FORT STREET, NEAR BR 10,

UPHOLSTERER

AND

Paperhanger,

Has on hand and offers for Sale

WALL PAPER,

Long English Rolls, from 16 cts. per Roll upwards.

Lounges, Spring, Hair, Wool, Palu and Straw Mattresses, Brass and Mahogany Window Poles, Cornices, Window Blinds and other Upholstery Goods; ... ALSO ...

All Sorts of Upholstery done, such as Repairing Spring Mattresses and Lounges, Sewing and Fixing Curtains and Blinds, Hanging Wall Paper, &c., &c.

AT PRICES TO SUIT THE TIMES. se20 2m JOHN WEILER.

NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

DR. DAVID JUNE, HAS REMOVED his Office to the Premises next door to the Union Hook and Ladder Co's Truck House, on Bastion Street Opposite the Police Court. oc21

Queen Charlotte Coal Mining Company (Limited).

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the General Ordinary Meeting of the Shareholders of the above named Company will be held at the Council Chambers, corner of Broad and Truncheon streets, on Wednesday, the 21st instant, at one o'clock p.m.

H. GASTON, Secretary. Victoria, Oct. 9th, 1868. oc19

New Advertisements.

Sugar,

EXTRA QUALITY.

Molasses,

EXTRA QUALITY.

SALT,

20 TONS.

JUST RECEIVED FROM HONOLULU, per "ROBERT COWAN" and "MAUNA LOA."

And for Sale by

JANION, RHODES & CO.

Victoria, Oct. 9th, 1868. oc10

MONEY TO LOAN.

TEN OR FIFTEEN HUNDRED DOLLARS can be had on good Real Estate security, at a low rate of interest, by applying to J. S. DRUMMOND. oc14

Carpets! Carpets!!

AND

Floor Cloth.

EX "PRINCESS ROYAL,"

And other Late Arrivals.

Comprising Invoices of well-selected

Brussels, Tapestry and Kidderminster Carpets,

And Nairn & Co's Patent

OIL CLOTH.

In Quantities to suit Purchasers, at Reasonable Prices.

ALSO, A FULL ASSORTMENT OF

CROCKERY,

GLASSWARE,

BEDDING, BLANKETS, LAMPS, AND

FITTINGS,

Paper Hangings,

TABLE CUTLERY.

Electro-Plated Ware,

HARDWARE, TOOLS, TINWARE,

WOOD AND WILLOW WARE,

Children's Carriages,

&c. &c. &c.

AT

D. Edward's,

New & Second-hand Establishment,

FOUNTAIN PLACE. oc21

Victoria Nursery and Seed Establishment.

MITCHELL & JOHNSTON,

Nursery & Seedsmen, Florists, Garden Architects & Landscape Gardeners.

Gardens, Orchards, Ornamental Grounds, &c., laid out and Planted.

Greenhouses Built and Heated on Latest Approved Principles.

Drawings, Specifications and Estimates Prepared.

OUR MR MITCHELL'S MODE OF constructing, his beautiful, Erections in highly spoken of by the late Dr Landley in a leader of the Gardener's Chronicle for 1867. He says on this subject: "It seems to me that we have here an improvement in introduced into construction, which is second only to that which followed the introduction of hot water pipes."

McIntosh in his "Book of the Garden," highly approves his improved method of tank heating.

SEED STORE, YATES STREET, (Next Wells, Fargo & Co.)

Nursery Grounds, at Head of Fort street Victoria, 1868. oc27 2m

Fellows, Roscoe, & Co.

HAVE JUST RECEIVED

EX SPIRIT OF THE AGE

AND

PRINCESS ROYAL.

Lea & Perrin's Sauce

Morton's Mixed Pickles

Sa. dines, in qr and h/2 tins

Candles, in 25 lbs boxes. Price's

Boiled Linseed Oil and Paints

Wood Matches

Paper Hangings

Ba. Tumblers and Assorted Glassware

Leather Calf Skins

Pick Steel and Pick Iron, assorted

sizes, a large lot

Tin Plates, assorted k

Sheet Iron, assorted sizes

Bar Iron, all sizes

Bar Lead

Zinc

Looking Glasses

Horse Nails, Griffin's

TO ARRIVE

Per PRINCE VICTOR.

R G and Common Sheet Iron

18 casks Zinc

Block Tin, in bars and pgs

Horse Nails, &c.

Always on Hand a Large Assortment of English and American Hardware, Cutlery, Platedware, Iron, Steel and Metal. oc24

For Victoria Direct.

AMERICAN BANK

ARRIVAL

Capt. REVELL.

Now loading at Mr. Francisco's, will positively sail for this Port on the 1st of OCTOBER.

For Particulars apply to

MILLARD & BEEDEY, Wharf street.

OR FICKETT & HARRISON, 318 Front Street.

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OPPOSITE POST OFFICE.

W.M. WILSON

Has just received by Express from England a Large Stock of

SUPERIOR WINTER CLOTHING,

Hosiery, Underclothing, Hats, Waterproof Clothing, &c., &c.

Which will be sold VERY CHEAP to make room for other Goods on the way.

GREAT BARGAINS IN BEAVER SUITS, PANTS, AND BALTIC SHIRTS. oc28



Watches,

Clocks,

Jewelry,

Silver Ware,

Plated Ware,

Spectacles,

Field Glasses,

Opera Glasses,

Eye Glasses,

Telescopes,

Compasses,

Music Boxes,

&c. &c. &c.

The undersigned has, in addition to his Ordinary Large and Fine Selection of

FINE GOODS

Received lately many of the

RICHEST KINDS OF

JEWELRY,

Of the Latest Manufacture,

Which he offers at

THE LOWEST PRICES.

Chronometers, Watches, Clocks,

Music Boxes, Jewelry, &c.,

Carefully Repaired and Warranted.

Also, JEWELRY of any Description made to Order.

Orders from the INTERIOR Promptly attended to at

J. L. JUNGERMANN'S.

MACONIC BUILDING, Government street, Victoria, V. I. oc24

DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP.

THE PARTNERSHIP HERETOFORE existing between H. M. Lewis and J. L. Jungermann, under the title of Lewis & Jungermann, Tobaccoists, Yates street, is this day dissolved by mutual consent.

H. M. Lewis will continue the business in his own name; will collect all outstanding debts of late firm, and will pay all accounts due by same.

Witness—A. Gilmore. HETMAN LEWIN, LOUIS ANTHONY. oc16 1m

TO VISITORS FROM CALIFORNIA, OREGON, the Sound, &c.

AT

VICTORIA HOUSE,

CORNER OF FORT AND DOUGLAS STREETS, VICTORIA, V.I.

Will always be found a Large and Choice Assortment of

Dress Goods, Mantles, Millinery, Flowers, Laces, &c

At very Moderate Prices, and of the Latest Styles,

The Goods being Imported from Europe by Express Monthly.

The usual Assortment of Staple Goods, such as:

White and Printed Calicoes, Flannels, Linens, Blankets, Ticking, &c., &c., also on Hand in Great Variety.

WILL TURNER, Manager. oc27

Mens' Suits, \$10 to \$30, IN STOCK FOR IMMEDIATE USE.

A. M'LEAN & CO.

Have received by last Express

15 CASES OF ASSORTED SUPERIOR

WINTER CLOTHING,

DIRECT FROM ENGLAND,

Which will be Sold at the Smallest possible advance on English Cost, to make room for other

LARGE SHIPMENTS,

To arrive by Every Steamer.

SCOTCH HOUSE, Fort Street. oc29 6m

New Clothing Store.

ADAMS & BEAVEN,

Having formed a Co-partnership for the purpose of carrying on the Business of

CLOTHIERS & HATTERS,

In the Premises formerly Occupied by R. H. ADAMS, on

GOVERNMENT STREET,

Desire to inform the Public that having Reduced the Price of every Article in the HAT TRADE to the LOWEST POSSIBLE FIGURE, and by IMPORTING DIRECT their well-assorted

Stock of Clothing, &c.,

Are determined that no House in the Trade can or shall Undersell them.

THE BRITISH COLONIST.
Monday Morning, Oct. 19, 1868.

Auction Sales To-day.
P. M. BACKUS...Wharf street...will sell, at 12 o'clock, Real Estate.

VALUABLE IMPORTED STOCK—The *Montreal News* says:—The celebrated stock beast which Mr. Ochoaie daily exports from England is not, as many imagined, a bull. The animal for which he has paid \$5000 is a heifer, we believe, of not more than two years old. This looks an enormous price, but the seller, far from abating his price, positively refused to sell the heifer unless he was furnished with proof that she would be taken out of the country and never brought back. It was only by binding himself down to fulfil these conditions that Mr. Ochoaie was allowed to become the owner of the animal. He paid on a previous occasion \$3000 for a heifer which he bought in the United States, and the value of the stock on his Compton farm, when the English heifer arrives, cannot fall short of from seventy to eighty thousand dollars.

THE ISLAND ELECTIONS—The public will learn from our advertising columns of this morning the official instructions with regard to the Nomination and Selection of Members for Victoria and surrounding districts. Mr. K. McKee is spoken of for Victoria and other districts in lieu of Mr. J. D. Pemberton. Mr. Barnaby has no intention to offer himself for the City, and it is probable the two members of the expiring Council will again walk over the course.

FENIAN PICNIC—About 400 tickets were sold on Saturday and Sunday for a picnic in behalf of the defence fund of Whelan, the alleged assassin of Mr. McGee. This is the picnic advertised under the auspices of the St. Patrick's Society; but in which the Secretary of that Society declares it has no connection. Those attending the picnic may fairly be put down as true sympathisers of Fenianism.—*Montreal Gazette*.

NAVAL—We see by late exchanges that H. M. S. Liffey was to have left England early in October with about 300 naval supernumeraries for this station. In all probability they will be taken on board at Panama by the Chanticleer of late notoriety and conveyed to Esquimalt. The latter vessel will be relieved on the Mexican and Central American coasts by the *Pylades*, just sailed hence.

STOCK SALE—The prices brought by the fine lot of hogs sold by J. P. Davies & Co. on Saturday, may be considered good, on the whole, for they were more fit for stock breeders than for the butcher's stall. A large boar was sold for \$35, the others averaged seven cents a pound all round. The greater number of them were fed in the Comox district.

CRICKET GROUND—The new ground on Beacon Hill has been completed this summer. Of course, it will not be fit for use until after the rainy season, but it promises then to make a fine turf. In anticipation of the subscriptions promised for this purpose, a gentleman who takes an interest in the sport, has liberally advanced \$150 towards the expenses, the whole of which will be about \$300.

POLICE COURT—Francis Jones, on remand for being a runaway from the H. B. Co's vessel *Princess Royal*, was further remanded on Saturday for one week. William Holmes, preparing for the cold weather, was charged with stealing a coat value of \$20 and upwards, the property of Wm. McKoon. Remanded for three days.

THE STEAMER GEO S. WRIGHT—A telegram was received in town on Friday to obtain a clearance for this vessel to Portland, so that she could leave for that port yesterday. It is thus evident Capt. Langdon anticipated being back here from the Sound on Saturday, but up to a late hour last night she had not made her appearance.

RAIN—The long anticipated and much wanted rain appeared yesterday morning as it was coming in earnest, but it passed off again. At Craigflower, however, it is said, the shower lasted for a full hour, and was much heavier than in the city, and of longer duration.

SANITARY—On Friday last Dr. Powell reported to the Corporation an additional white case of small pox, and that the man had been sent to the hospital. Since then no new cases have been reported to the Town Clerk, though we indirectly heard of a case amongst the Chinese.

SANITARY—We hear that the magistrate at Nanaimo has taken the precaution to refuse the landing of any strange Indians fearing the spread of contagious disease amongst the inhabitants. Nanaimo hitherto has been free from epidemics.

THE MAIL STEAMERS—A Portland despatch of Saturday evening says—the steamship *Active* sails Sunday morning for Victoria; the *John L. Stephens* sailed on Saturday morning from San Francisco for Portland and Victoria.

THE PRINCE VICTOR—It is not so, as stated on Saturday, that this vessel had arrived from England. There is a vessel in *Royal Roads*, but up to a late hour in the day we could not ascertain her name or whence she came.

THE SMALL-POX IN SAN FRANCISCO—A despatch to this office states the number of deaths during last week from small-pox to be 13, and new cases reported during the week, 26.

H. M. SURVEYING SHIP BRAYER arrived at Nanaimo from the north last week, and would probably have come down to Esquimalt but for the thick weather.

THE ELECTION—The address of Mr. De Cosmos to the electors of the city of Victoria came in too late for insertion in this morning's issue.

CAUSE CELEBRE—We understand that an appeal against the decision of a magisterial missionary will occasion some excitement in our Law Courts shortly.

By Electric Telegraph.
SPECIAL TO THE DAILY BRITISH COLONIST

LAST NIGHT'S DESPATCHES.

Europe.
LONDON, Oct. 14.—The news from Naples represents that the volcanic movement in Mount Vesuvius has become more intense and violent; it sends forth a copious stream of lava.

MADRID, Oct. 15.—Forty-eight cities being all the administrative cities, adhere to the Junta. The sitting of the Cortez has been fixed for December 15th, so that the representatives from Cuba and Porto Rico may appear.

LONDON, Oct. 15.—A joint commission of the Anglo American Atlantic Telegraph Co. intend to abolish after November 1st, 1868 the system of counting the letters in estimating the tariffs and count only the words.

LONDON, Oct. 15.—The French Government has called 30,000 men from the army and navy.

MADRID, Oct. 15.—The army will be exempt from the new tax about to be levied, and the Junta has removed the Bishop of Huesca and the Bishop of Urgell, who are accused of having aided the recent Carlist demonstration.

LONDON, Oct. 15.—The London papers comment on the recent American elections. The *Daily News* says if the Democratic party had only remained passive, the Republican blunders would have given them power; but the Democrats have equal if not greater aptitude for the error.

The *Morning Post* says, the results of these elections have decided the Presidential contest.

The *Telegraph* while approving the result seen in it the ruin of the Republican party in which so many wide differences exist on financial questions.

Eastern States.
PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 15.—The revised tables of the majorities so far as received, reduce the Republican majority to 7901. The Democrats estimate the Republican majority at about 3000. Another despatch says the report of the State Central Committee fixes their majority at 10,665.

Despatches from Indiana county, Pennsylvania, make Onoode's majority in the 21st Congressional district 87.

CHICAGO, Oct. 15.—A. H. Conner, chairman of the Indiana State Republican Committee telegraphed at 8 p. m. that Baker the Republican candidate for Governor is elected by one or two thousand majority.

South America.
NEW YORK, Oct. 15.—The Assembly of Panama organized a delegating executive power; acting President Carriazo proclaimed war against Obisquirri. Carriazo has declared itself independent of Panama, and has organized a new Government.

Vera Cruz advises state that Juarez has decreed the free importation of breadstuffs into Yucatan for three months on account of the starving condition of its inhabitants.

West Indies.
HAYANA, Oct. 14.—All disturbances are suppressed and the island is perfectly quiet.

DELATED DISPATCHES.

California.
SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 22.—Spades & Co. to whom was awarded the contract for carrying the Overland Mail between the termini of the railroads, finding that Wells, Fargo & Co. would not buy them out, have thrown up the contract, and Wells, Fargo & Co. will carry the mails as heretofore.

The Board of Supervisors last night adopted the following recommendations from the Board of Health: "The appointment of a physician for each election precinct to vaccinate free of charge, and when no essay to attend citizens at their residences. Any one refusing to be vaccinated, upon conviction, to be fined fifty dollars or imprisoned one hundred days or more, and making it a misdemeanor to move a quarantine flag or small-pox poster from any house, and punishable by a fine of from twenty five to one hundred dollars, or imprisonment of from ten to fifty days, or both."

The new building of the Young Men's Christian Association will be opened on Thursday evening next.

The people of the State of California have brought suit against the Builders' Insurance Company, alleging that defendant has since June 24th, 1868, unlawfully been exercising the privileges of an Insurance Company.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 26.—A large and enthusiastic meeting was held at Congress Hall last evening, by the Soldier's and Sailor's Union Republican Club.

Gen. Heffrin, leader of the Irish troops in the invasion of Canada made an able speech, during which he was frequently applauded. At the conclusion of the General's speech, Edward T. Ingham made a stirring appeal to the soldiers to stand by Grant.

A meeting for the aid of the suffering people of South America will be held on Monday, at the Chamber of Commerce.

A telegraph despatch to this city reports that the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F. of the United States, will meet in this city, in Sept. 1869.

Fourteen hundred pounds of powder in Point blatt was exploded in the Hunter's Point dry dock yesterday. It deepened the water at the mouth about 8 feet. It is expected that the channel will be of proper depth by next week, Wednesday.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 27.—Yesterday the Board of Health appointed 21 vaccinating physicians to act under the recent ordinance of the Board of Supervisors.

Ben Nickerson spoke at Platt's Hall last evening, and vented considerable coarse abuse of Gorham, Conness and Jack Strattan. The affair was evidently got up by the Democrats for political effect.

SAN ANDREAS, Sept. 27.—A terrible conflagration occurred here last night. Over sixty houses are in ashes. It is difficult at the present moment, to calculate the loss, but it is estimated at \$75,000. Much valuable property was saved by the almost superhuman exertions of our citizens. Many families are without shelter.

NEVER wear a Cough, or irritation on the lungs, when you can buy AYER'S CHERRY PECTORAL, the world's great remedy that cures it.

Letter From "Sirius"
[Continued.]

Before proceeding to answer your objections, it must be remembered that you have not proved the tariff of the Dominion to be one of 12 per cent or that of this Colony 17 per cent. Yet that is the basis of the data from which you conclude there will be a loss of revenue to a specified amount. Had you shown [an impossibility] the percentages, even then, as I said before, you could not determine the loss; as that could only be shown after its effect upon the various industries of the country had been seen. You placed the revenue of the Colony going to Canada at \$367,000, less the loss sustained by substitution of Canadian tariff. The loss was not admitted for reasons given. The expenditure of Canada in this Colony you set down at \$521,713, but by correcting your mistakes and reducing exorbitant or fanciful charges, I reduced your estimate to \$402,576, and could even then have easily made further reductions. Recollect I was dealing with your own figures, my first letter having nothing to do with the matter, save and except that it was intended to bring over your statements to give me an opportunity to expose them. Now you complain that I altered your estimate! Of course I did! If I had allowed your designedly constructive estimate, and figures, you could have shown anything you pleased! Doubtless when you appear again your estimates will be changed, and the difference will probably be as great as your estimates last year and this. See *BRITISH COLONIST* February last: "I did scratch out the 'four county court Judges.' The work can be done by the three Supreme Court Judges. What you term county court Judges are the Gold Commissioners. If the Colony has the revenue arising from the mines, the Colony must pay for its collection. The Canadian Government would soon get rid of them—unless they voted for Confederation!"

I say the interest and sinking fund is \$120,000, and in little more than three years will be \$36,000. The Government estimates are not false, they are the estimates of expenditure for the year; and so the 'temporary loans' are being paid off—the year has nearly expired. Ask those to whom the Government owed money whether they have been paid or not. Had Confederation already taken place they might have been paid down to the Canadian Government; but as that will neither happen this year nor in 1869, there will not be any for the Canadian Government to take. Now for the following:

The next point is his statement that in 3 years' time the Interest and Sinking Fund will be reduced to \$84,000 by paying off one of the loans. We will admit it merely for the sake of seeing the bearing of it on Confederation. We will suppose that we are admitted into the Dominion in 1869, as the majority of the people desire, but at the end of the three years we find that Canada will have incurred a deficit at the rate of \$257,405 per year of \$772,215 in our behalf. The real state of the case would then be this: that this Colony would be out of debt [for Canada alone would be liable for our Public Debt after Confederation] and this Colony would benefit to the extent of \$772,215 in three years by the deficit of Canada, expended in our behalf. It does strike us that making \$772,215 in three years with Confederation when we cannot make a dollar of that amount without Confederation would be a very business-like transaction indeed, although 'Sirius' may not acknowledge it.

The people do not desire 'Confederation' in 1869, but a great improvement in the Government of this Colony. They wish not only to retain the power they have, but to acquire more, and to regulate the affairs of the Colony to suit its wants and desires.

With regard to the point that 'Canada alone would be liable for our Public Debt after Confederation,' it is not so in the sense you wish it to be taken. Canada it is true would be liable for the debt, but where does Canada get the money from to pay her debts excepting from the taxes upon the public? This Colony would be a part of Canada, and as such would be liable not only for its due share of its own debt, but also for that of eighty millions, the debts of the other Provinces included in the Dominion, which Canada is also liable for. The Public Debt is made the second charge upon the revenues of Canada, but if the Dominion Government had not money enough to meet her liabilities, how would she make up the deficiency excepting by general taxation? As we would give Canada more money than she expended for this Colony including the interest and sinking fund upon Public Debts and Overland Road, what benefit would it be to us that she should become liable for our debt? We have to pay it now and would have to pay it then with our own money. To be liable to our proportionate share of eighty millions more, and as many additional debts as the Dominion might choose to contract although in no way beneficial to this Colony, is certainly not a great advantage. A nice legacy to leave to our descendants! As I have shown that Canada would not lose anything by this Colony being united to her, it follows that the little bit of poetry about this Colony making \$772,215 by Canada losing so much, is only an extravagant fancy. Let us look on the other side. Suppose our Customs Revenue, &c., to be only doubled in 15 years, say even \$700,000, our public debt will be paid off. Suppose the head-money to be doubled. What will Canada then receive annually from this Colony? Answer, \$349,424 per annum, 15 years hence.

Canada pays to this Colony..... \$402,576
Less Interest and Sinking Fund on Public Debt..... 84,000
Add increase of per Capita Subsidy..... 32,000
\$350,576
Canada receives from British Columbia..... \$700,000

Pays to British Columbia..... \$350,576
Gain to Canada..... \$349,424

The expenditure of Canada for this Colony decreases as her income from this Colony increases! This shows the folly of only looking at the present—take a glance at the future and then see whether Confederation will be so very advantageous. Why, sir, this Colony would be bled to death! For what? To send three members to Ottawa, and to be deprived of the management of our own affairs?

[To be continued.]

Report of the Late Exploring Party.
The following has been handed us for publication:
VICTORIA, V. I. B. C., Sept. 1868.

To the Members of the Exploration Committee:
GENTLEMEN:—In accordance with instructions dated 5th Aug., I proceeded per schooner *Surprise* to the mouth of Muechalat river in Nootka Sound, accompanied by Mr. Alston two miners named Charles Molloy and Duncan Cameron, and four Indians as packers.

We arrived at the mouth of Muechalat river at noon on the 12th August. On the 13th we started up the river accompanied by three Muechalat Indians, who brought two canoes along with them. By making portages we were enabled to use the canoes until the forenoon of the 15th, when we were obliged to abandon them. Reached the lake at the head of Muechalat river on the 17th at 3:30 p. m. Left the lake on the 19th and travelled up a stream which entered it on the north side about 2½ miles from Muechalat river. We followed this stream until we found the valley trending too far west, when we left the stream and struck a course nearly due north, ascending gradually for a few miles, until we came to a very deep ravine on the opposite side of which the mountain rose very abruptly. We walked up the bank of this ravine, which trended S.E., until we came to another small gulch, which entered the ravine on the north side; crossed the ravine and travelled up the side of the gulch and arrived at the summit of the divide at 4:30 p. m. on Saturday the 22nd altitude 6500 ft above sea level. We laid over on Sunday the 23rd, and in the afternoon took some bearings for the purpose of defining our position and deciding on the direction to take for the mouth of Salmon river. 24th, travelled along the mountain bridge for about a mile when we came to what I considered was the head of one of the tributaries of Salmon river, a bank of snow about half a mile long lying between the mountains. We slid down this bank of snow and came to a precipice where we had some difficulty in getting down, being obliged to let the packs down with ropes; below the precipice we got on another snow bank about three-quarters of a mile long, at the foot of which we camped after a very hard day's work. Travelled down stream and arrived at the Forks of Salmon river on the 31st, where we found some Indians fishing. On the morning of the 1st Sept I hired a canoe to take the party to the mouth. Left the mouth of Salmon river at 1:30 p. m. on the same day, and arrived at Comox on the 3rd, at 10 a. m., where I found a canoe waiting for the Otter to come up to take us to Salmon river. Left Comox at 9:30 a. m. on the 4th, and arrived in Victoria at noon on the 7th.

Muechalat river has several tributaries, every one of which we prospected for gold near its mouth; we also prospected on most of the bars of Muechalat river but only found at most 3 or 4 colors to a pan of dirt—in the majority of places found nothing. The mountains are rounded and rocky near the mouth of the river and heavily timbered with cedar and hemlock, with underbrush of alder, maple and berry bushes. About the second canon and between that point and the forks, the banks of the river are formed of gravel benches, timbered as above mentioned, and in addition, a few scattered white pines of a fine growth. Between the forks and the lake (which we have called Lake Tolmie) there is a very fine growth of red fir. The lake is about six and a half miles long and is fed by three streams, one from the N.W. (Cameron creek) one from the west (Molloy creek) and a small rivulet from the south. The shores are heavily timbered. The valley of Cameron creek is tolerably wide, very heavily timbered, and the soil is good.

After crossing the summit and getting on the head waters of Salmon river, we shot so many ground hogs that we called the stream 'Ground Hog Creek.' The valley of this creek, at about five miles from its source, widens to about one mile, heavily timbered throughout; about ten miles from its source it enters a canyon, which continues nearly straight and nearly due north for about fifteen miles, when it suddenly widens near the forks of Salmon river. The land near the mouth of Salmon river is partly bench and partly low flat land, timbered with cedar, hemlock, &c., and a good deal of maple. The land immediately at the mouth, in the neighborhood of the sea, is flat and open, covered with grass, but I believe the most of it would be covered with water at the highest spring tides. The rock in situ along our route is either trap or granite. In the canon on Salmon river it is basaltic. There are indications of iron all along Salmon river, but we could not even find the color of gold.

[Enclosed is a sketch map of our route.]
I remain, sir, your obedient servant
PETER J. LEECH.

THE MOMENTOUS QUESTION—Bank Managers, Note Discounters, Wholesale Merchants, Real Estate Dealers and Money Lenders invariably now, enquire before transacting business with customers, 'Are you insured.' The Phoenix Fire Assurance Company, of London, Established in 1782, and which has already paid over NINE MILLION POUNDS sterling for losses, continue to insure in British Columbia at as low rates as any other responsible office. Victoria Agency at Adams & Beaven's Store, Government street, Victoria.

A Warning.
EDITOR COLONIST.—It is true and sad, that so many of our juvenile population have fallen victims to disease within the past few months. There is a cause to produce an effect—the reason that disease is now more prevalent than ever known in the Colony I cannot account for, and I doubt whether the entire medical fraternity can. I would advise parents and the custodians of children to do their utmost to thoroughly cleanse their habitations, and use every means to disinfect them, in order to destroy the latent poison containing the germ of small pox, diphtheria or other disease. Again, in localities where disease has prevailed or prevailed, I would strongly urge that the utmost caution be taken to keep children away from the same so that contact be avoided until the prevailing epidemics disappear. How many homes have been made desolate by want of these precautions, and how many little departed ones might have survived if these suggestions had been adopted but a short time since? Alas! perhaps it is too late to advise the sorrowing parents of the young ones who have been so recently translated to a better and happier world; but even now, I think it is not too late to give a word of warning, when warning is necessary.

VACCINE.
For Self-Reliance.
GOOD MR. EDITOR,—I have put fresh oil in my lantern, and have trimmed my wick and I have rubbed up my glasses, but Self-Reliance does not come out with his returns. How long do you intend to allow him to flap his wings like the *gallus domesticus* on the dunghill? I have heard it whispered round the Buildings that the James Bay interest intend to offer Self-Reliance for selection to the Council on the anti-Retrenchment ticket. I think this is a good idea; he is a man of substance, a man of intellect, and a man of many words, and has brass and assurance enough for any house, and, alas the times! Alas the morals!! And alas the men!!! he is not a man of his word. That is to say, he possesses the qualifications above mentioned and is not subject to the disqualification of too much truth.

DIAGENES.

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